GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5969
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PRODUCTION OF RICE, WHEAT AND ONION .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of rice, wheat and onion in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase production of these commodities;

(c) whether the said crops are being procured of the lower rate than the rates fixed by the Government;

(d) if so, the facts thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to safeguard the interests of the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) : The state-wise production of rice, wheat and onion during last three years viz. 1997-98 to 1999-2000 are given in Annexures I to III respectively.

(b) : To increase production of various agricultural commodities including rice, wheat and onion and also develop agriculture in different parts of the country in future, the Government has decided to switch over from the conventional Schematic approach to Macro Management mode for providing assistance to States. The scheme integrates 27 schemes into one scheme for supplementation/ complementation of states` efforts through work plans which gives flexibility to states to address the specific problems faced by them, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aim for all-round development of agriculture.

(c) & (d) : Rice and wheat are covered under Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme of the Government and all efforts are made to ensure procurement of these commodities of FAQ (Fair Average Quality) standards through Central and State nodal agencies at prices notified under MSP Scheme. Complaints, if any, relating to distress sale are taken up immediately with the FCI (Food Corporation of India) and the State Governments. Onion being a perishable commodity, is covered under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) and in situation of glut, at the request of the State Governments, procurements at pre-determined prices are undertaken.

(e) : Interest of the farmers is uppermost with the Government and all steps are being taken to safeguard their interests. These include, among others, implementation of the MSP Scheme and MIS Scheme, procurements by public agencies and use of instruments of trade, whenever needed.

Annexure-I
Annexure referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.5969 for 26.4.2001.

Production of Rice during 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (`000 Tonnes)

State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
ANDHRA PRADESH	8510.0	11878.0	10489.6
ASSAM	3382.9	3254.8	3860.7
BIHAR	7133.2	6769.4	7741.6
GUJARAT	1042.3	1015.8	984.9
HARYANA	2556.0	2425.0	2594.0
HIMACHAL PRADESH	120.4	117.8	120.4

JAMMU & KASHMIR 549.3 589.1 391.1
KARNATAKA 3212.7 3656.9 3635.0

KERALA 764.6 726.7 770.8
MADHYA PRADESH 4528.2 5060.6 6376.5

MAHARASHTRA 2394.6 2467.6 2535.9
ORISSA 6204.6 5391.5 5187.0

PUNJAB 7904.0 7940.0 8716.0
RAJASTHAN 190.3 205.5 252.6

TAMIL NADU 6893.7 8141.4 7225.3
UTTAR PRADESH 12165.4 11386.6 12912.0

WEST BENGAL 13236.6 13316.5 13951.0
OTHERS 1745.7 1733.5 1730.7
ALL INDIA 82534.5 86076.7 89475.1

Annexure-II
Annexure referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.5969 for 26.4.2001.

Production of Wheat during 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (`000 Tonnes)

State 1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000

ANDHRA PRADESH 6.0 6.0 6.2
ASSAM 110.1 90.5 97.6

BIHAR 4848.7 4403.7 4367.0
GUJARAT 1647.0 1702.6 1020.0

HARYANA 7554.0 8568.0 9642.0
HIMACHAL PRADESH 641.3 641.4 481.0

JAMMU & KASHMIR 396.5 368.4 365.0
KARNATAKA 118.5 219.4 211.2

MADHYA PRADESH 7220.2 8333.4 8458.1
MAHARASHTRA 671.0 1308.5 1436.1

ORISSA 6.6 4.4 7.7
PUNJAB 12715.0 14460.0 15910.0

RAJASTHAN 6701.0 6879.8 6731.9
UTTAR PRADESH 22833.9 23465.2 25976.4

WEST BENGAL 810.5 778.1 796.0
OTHERS 64.7 58.1 67.8
ALL INDIA 66345.0 71287.5 75574.0

Annexure-III

Annexure Referred to in Reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5969 for 26.4.2001

Production of Onion During 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (Thousand Tonnes)

State 1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000

ANDHRA PRADESH 328 478.3 522.7
ASSAM 17.9 18 17.2
BIHAR 137.9 193 212.3
GUJARAT 619 1462.1 450.7
HARYANA 26.9 44.1 60.1

HIMACHAL PRADESH	2.9	2.9	2.9
KARNATAKA	517.4	508.4	594.7
MADHYA PRADESH	281.8	337.6	366.3
MAHARASHTRA	907.7	1183.6	1392.6
NAGALAND	-	11.8	11.8
ORISSA	165.4	360	368.4
PUNJAB	48.2	18.1	18.1
RAJASTHAN	113.5	120.7	173.3
TAMIL NADU	187.7	289.7	315.7
TRIPURA	0.2	0.2	0.2
UTTAR PRADESH	262.8	303	392.3
PONDICHERRY	0.1	0.4	0.2
ALL INDIA	3617.4	5331.9	4899.5